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Twenty-First Defendant Sentenced in St. Croix Tribal Drug Investigation

Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Broderick Swain, a/k/a "Whop," 34, Detroit, MI, was sentenced yesterday to 54 months in prison without parole by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb. Swain previously pleaded guilty to conspiring with others to distribute crack cocaine on St. Croix tribal lands from approximately April 2006 to June 2008.

With yesterday's sentencing, twenty-one defendants have now been sentenced as a result of this investigation into drug dealing on St. Croix tribal lands. The previous defendants sentenced are set forth below:

Name	Crime of Conviction	Sentence Imposed
Joseph Merrill	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	4 years
Manley L. Williams	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	8 years, 4 months
Christifer Sonnenberg	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	5 years, 6 months
Jean Sonnenberg	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	19 years, 7 months
Bruce Sonnenberg	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	24 years, 4 months
Amanda Sonnenberg	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	3 years, 10 months
George Rainey	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	14 years
Bruce Rainey	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	17 years, 6 months
Diana Martin	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	9 years

Name	Crime of Conviction	Sentence Imposed
Margrette Cobb	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	13 years, 4 months
Andrew Sonnenberg	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	17 years, 6 months
Ericka J. Reynolds	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	1 year, 6 months
Shaleah Reynolds	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	2 years
Michael D. Hammond	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	12 years, 7 months
Steven R. Lang	Distribution of Methamphetamine	4 years
Shana Corbine	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	4 years, 3 months
Linda Lightfeather	Operating a Crack House	5 months
Buck Zehner	Operating a Crack House	8 months
Janeen Mosay	Operating a Crack House	6 months
Frankie Bildeau	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	12 months, 1 day

United States Attorney Sinnott stated that yesterday's sentencing was the result of a long-term investigation being conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the St. Croix Tribal Police Department; the Rice Lake Police Department; the Barron County Sheriff's Department; the Burnett County Sheriff's Department; the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department; the Polk County Sheriff's Department; the Native American Drug & Gang Initiative; and the Wisconsin State Patrol.

As set out above, twenty-one defendants have now been convicted of federal drug offenses as a result of this investigation. Louis and Brandon Belisle pleaded guilty on April 14 and will be sentenced on July 12. John Carr, Derrick Rapley, and Broderick Swain were charged in a nine-count indictment returned by the grand jury on December 2, 2009. Rapley has also pleaded guilty and will be sentenced by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb on May 24, 2010. Carr is set for a jury trial beginning on June 14, 2010.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John W. Vaudreuil is handling the prosecution of these cases.

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